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AND DATA DECOMPRESSION  
METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2007, in connection with the above referenced patent application, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.